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#### SILENT KEYS

It is with deep regret that the passing of two radio amateurs must be announced  
this week. They are: Frederick Strutt, ZS2JS of Jeffreys Bay on Monday 18 May  
2009. Barbara Buchan, ZS5TZ, of Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, on Tuesday 26  
May 2009. We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the  
deceased.

(PAUSE)

In the news today

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People can do the impossible but miracles take a little longer. Candidates who wrote the May  
Please do not call the office, the examiner or council members for results. It will not spee

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The Board of ICASA this week approved the revised radio regulations for publication in the C  
Get your antennas ready to celebrate the event by participating in the special Boland Amateu

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Congratulations to Andre, ZS2ACP, of Port Elizabeth and Paul, ZS6NK, in Polokwane on establ  
Paul says, "After many months trying, Andre and I eventually made it on 4 m MS on phone on 6  
The radio peak of the Eta-Aquarids meteor shower occurred in the daylight that morning betw  
The next few days could still provide some interesting contacts on MS.

DETAILS OF ZS10WRC TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

The SARL Council will meet this week and will finalise the arrangement for the Wold Cup Soc

MORE CYCLE 24 PREDICTIONS

An international panel of experts led by NOAA, and sponsored by NASA, has released a new pre  
"If our prediction is correct, Solar Cycle 24 will have a peak sunspot number of 90, the low  
"Even a below-average cycle is capable of producing severe space weather," Biesecker points  
The 1859 storm known as the "Carrington Event" after astronomer Richard Carrington who wit

## COMMUNICATION WITH THE YOUTH

During the week an information e-mail was sent to those under the age of 26 who have an e-mail address.

## CONTEST NEWS

The Youth Sprint will take place on 16 June 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00 CAT with lots of prizes and a SARL 80 metre QSO Party. The contest committee received 14 log submissions made up of 13 contest logs and 1 SARL log.

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 860 points; 2nd Bloemfontein Defence ARC, ZS9X, 785 points (operated by Christo, ZS4O); 3rd Pierre van Deventer, ZS6BB, 575 points; 4th Adventure Radio Club, ZS1ARC, and Marius Preston, ZS4MP, with 565 points. The ZS3 Sprint. The contest committee received 11 logs and 2 check logs. The first three places will receive certificates and the rest will receive certificates of participation. The winners are: 1st Jan, Botha, ZS4JAN, 90 points; 2nd Marius Preston, ZS4MP, 53 points; 3rd Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 51 points.

## CLUB NEWS

At the AGM of the Centurion Radio Amateur Club held on 16 May, the following committee members were elected:

Chair Pam Momberg, ZS6APT; Vice-chair Ben Booysen, ZS6BTB; Secretary Billy Strumpf, ZS6WPS; Treasurer Pam Momberg, ZS6APT; Technical Johan Keulder, ZS6CAQ. Honorary life membership was awarded to Gert Viljoen, ZR6BV, for his rebroadcasting of the Sunday night bulletins and to Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, for her dedication to the club and amateur radio.

The Magalies Radio Amateur Club will hold a flea market on 27 June 2009 at their clubhouse at 18:00.

Time: 08:00 to 11:00; Cost: R20 per table or stall; Contact: Nico (ZS6OI) 082 772 2556.

## PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the expected solar activity will be very low. The geomagnetic index is expected to be low. With the change of season less energy from the sun is reaching the southern ionosphere and the ionosphere is expected to be less active. Local conditions are going to be good on 40 m during the daytime. 80 m may perform well during the night. Remember that this is only a prediction and that HF has the capability to pleasantly surprise. Please visit [www.spaceweather.co.za](http://www.spaceweather.co.za) for further information.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

8 June Closing date for the ZS4 Sprint logs; 16 June Youth Sprint; 17 June World QRP Day; 17 to 21 June SARL 160 m QSO Party; 27 June - Magalies Radio Amateur Club flea market; 28 June Digital competition.

SARL News invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and the SARL. The SARL also invites you to listen to the Amateur Radio Mirror International programme every month. You have listened to a bulletin of the South African Radio League, compiled by Dennis, ZS4BS.

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